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SUBJECT: RESTRAINTS ON JAPANESE EXPORTS OF ELECTRONIC
PRODUCTS TO BENELUX COUNTRIES

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1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY RESPONSIBLE GON AND JAPANESE EMBASSY
SOURCES THAT THE JAPANESE AND BENELUX ARE NEAR AGREEMENT ON
SYSTEM

TO RESTRAIN EXPORTS OF CERTAIN CONSUMER TYPE ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS
FROM JAPAN INTO BENELUX. CONTROLS WILL BE EXERCISED FROM JAPANESE
END USING YEAR ENDING MAY 1972 (I. E. PERIOD BEFORE SHARP INCREASE
IN DEMAND FOR BENELUX IMPORT LICENSES) AS BASE PERIOD. ONLY
ISSUE STILL TO BE RESOLVED IS SHARE OF EXPANDING MARKET WHICH
WILL BE ALLOCATED TO JAPANESE. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED
NEXT WEEK.

2. JAPANESE AGREEMENT AFTER LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS TO APPLY RES-
TRAINTS BY EXPORT CONTROL WAS DESCRIBED TO US BY JAPANESE EMBASSY
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HERE AS A UNIQUE ARRANGEMENT AND ONE WHICH HAS CAUSED
CONSIDERABLE
RESENTMENT IN JAPANESE EXPORT CIRCLES. OUR SOURCE ASSURED US HOW-
EVER THAT RUMORS OF RETALIATION BY JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OR
BUSINESS AND OF POSSIBLE SHIFT IN EUROPEAN MARKETING BASE FROM
ROTTERDAM TO ANTWERP HAVE NO FOUNDATION. DUTCH ARE OF COURSE VERY
PLEASED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE PROBLEM WITHOUT FORMAL
RESORT TO SAFEGUARD CLAUSE IN BENELUX/ JAPANESE BILATERAL
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